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Re: Docket #OON-1396 and #OOD-1598

FDA Administration:

I want food to be labeled if it is genetically modified or contains genetically engineered ingredients! I am appalled at your recent proposed rulings about genetically engineered organisms in our food supply. I urge you to adopt rules that work towards the health of people and the planet rather than rules that favor multinational corporations and agribusiness.

I want to know what I am buying. I want to know what is in my food. And I want to be able to choose whether to purchase food with GE ingredients or not.

The FDA is supposed to safeguard the public's health. These rules lack requirements for long-term testing, ignore reports by your own scientists, and they fail to take into account any possible side effects.

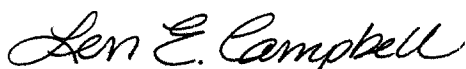
Worse yet, these rules make it harder for conscientious manufacturer's and growers, including organic farmers, to label food that is GE-free.

Genetically engineered foods are required to be labeled in Great Britain, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Ireland, Spain, Austria, Italy, Portugal, Greece, New Zealand, and Japan. U.S. food manufacturers and growers label GE-foods in these countries or promise they are GE-free. They can do the same in America. Please make it a requirement in your rules!

People in these countries are already better informed than Americans are. Do not keep this information off our food labels any longer!

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



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